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SUBJECT:: KUALA LUMPUR MEETING ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

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1. SUMMARY: REGRET TO SAY GOA IS NOT MUCH CLOSER TODAY TO
HAVING CONCRETE IDEAS ABOUT WHAT IT WOULD LIKE TO SEE COME OUT
OF FORTHCOMING KUALA LUMPUR MEETING THAN IT DID TWO WEEKS AGO.
END SUMMARY.

2. SIMINGTON TOLD US FRIDAY MORNING THAT GOA HOPED TO HAVE
A PAPER READY BY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHICH WOULD PUT FORWARD
SPECIFIC IDEAS AND PROPOSALS FOR ACTION. BY SEVEN O'CLOCK,
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THEY WERE NOT MUCH FURTHER ALONG, AND CLOSED DOWN FOR THE
WEEKEND. THE PROBLEM IS NOT ONE OF CHOOSING AMONG
CONTENDING IDEAS FOR ACTION; IT IS GENUINE "CHURNING",
THE GOA SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE ANY SOLUTIONS, OR REAL IDEA
ABOUT WHAT IT EXPECTS OTHER THAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT
DOWN AND THRASH THINGS OUT. WHAT IT HAS IN MIND BY THIS
IS NOT CLEAR. ITS ANALYSIS IS SIMILAR TO THAT IN

BANGKOK'S 25291, BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IDEAS IN BANGKOK'S MESSAGE WHICH WE BELIEVE WE COULD USEFULLY PUT TO THE GOA WHEN IT RETURNS TO WORK ON MONDAY.

3. THE HIGHLY GENERALIZED NATURE OF THE HEADINGS THEY SEE FOR AN "AGENDA" AT KL ARE INDICATIVE OF THE PROBLEM:

A. AUSTRALIA HOPES THE MEETING WILL ENABLE UNHCR TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HOW HE SEES THE SITUATION.

B. IT WOULD THEN LIKE TO SEE THE COUNTRIES OF FIRST ASYLUM GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE SITUATION.

C. IT WOULD THEN LIKE THE RECEIVING COUNTRIES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS.

D. IT WOULD THEN LIKE AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO "INTERNATIONALIZE" THE PROBLEM.

E. FINALLY, THERE SHOULD BE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS IN HANDLING REFUGEES IN THE FIELD.

4. SIMINGTON MENTIONED THAT LOU ENGLENDOW (PERMANENT SECRETARY DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION) WOULD LIKELY HEAD THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION, AND ASKED WHO WOULD BE COMING FROM THE US SIDE. WE TOLD HIM WE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE SHEP LOWMAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADORS ABRAMOWITZ AND MILLER FROM BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR RESPECTIVELY. ALSTON

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